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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FRG ROLE IN OBTAINING GDR COMPLIANCE WITH
ALLIED ORDERS ON REICHSBAHN STATIONS IN WEST BERLIN

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1. WITH REFERENCE TO THE MISSION'S RECOMMENDATION THAT
EMBASSIES INQUIRE OF THE FRG AS TO THE NEGOTIATING
HISTORY OF THE WEST BERLIN STATIONS AGREEMENT, WE WOULD
HOPE THAT EMBASSY CAN GO BEYOND THIS AND VIGOROUSLY PUSH
IDEA WITH FRENCH AND BRITISH THAT WE SHOULD BE PREPARED
TO FOLLOW THIS UP WITH PROMPT REQUEST FOR GAUS TO
REENGAGE HIMSELF WITH GDR IN THIS AREA.

2. GDR TACTIC IN REFUSING TO COMPLY WITH ALLIED ORDERS
FOR ADVANCE CLEARANCE OF CONSTRUCTION ON NEW REICHSBAHN
FACILITIES IN WEST BERLIN, SEEMS TO BE BASED ON PREMISE
THAT NEGOTIATION OF ORIGINAL AGREEMENT EXCLUDED NECESSITY
OF COMPLYING WITH REGULAR PRACTICES. IF FRG PERMITTED
THIS FALSE ASSUMPTION TO ARISE, IT MIGHT BE THE BEST
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CHANNEL TO CORRECT IT.

3. INVOLVEMENT OF THE FRG IN THE EFFORT TO PERSUADE THE GDR TO COMPLY QUIETLY WITH ALLIED REQUIREMENTS MIGHT, EVEN IF IT DID NOT PRODUCE IMMEDIATE COMPLIANCE, PAY OFF BY DEMONSTRATING TO THE FRG THE NEED TO MAINTAIN A COMMON FRONT AGAINST GDR ASSERTIONS, AND WISDOM OF FULLER ADVANCE CONSULTATION ON SUCH MATTERS IN THE FUTURE. THIS MIGHT ALSO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE ALLIES TO TAKE THE STRONG STEPS THAT CONCEIVABLY COULD BE NECESSARY. FURTHERMORE, THE GDR IS DEPENDENT ON THE FRG FOR PAYMENT UNDER THE DECEMBER 19 AGREEMENT, AND WE CAN ASSUME THAT IT WISHES MORE FUNDS FROM THE FRG FOR OTHER PROJECTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE FRG THUS MAY HAVE CONSIDERABLY MORE LEVERAGE IF IT CHOOSES TO USE IT THAN THE ALLIES. GEORGE

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